

Program B: Claims

Program Authorization: La. Revised Statutes, Title 29, Sections 251-262, as Amended.

Program Description

The mission of the Claims Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs is to represent veterans and/or their dependents on claims for benefits to which they are entitled under federal law.

The goal of the Claims Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs is to assure veterans and/or their dependents that a just and proper decision is secured on their claims for benefits they are entitled to under the laws of the United States or the states thereof.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACT 13 2002-2003	EXISTING 2002-2003	CONTINUATION 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$355,504	\$364,538	\$364,538	\$397,327	\$366,229	\$1,691
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$355,504	\$364,538	\$364,538	\$397,327	\$366,229	\$1,691
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$267,817	\$286,663	\$286,663	\$290,519	\$286,174	(\$489)
Other Compensation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Related Benefits	42,245	50,188	50,188	63,347	55,462	5,274
Total Operating Expenses	28,092	26,487	26,487	29,881	23,393	(3,094)
Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Charges	0	1,200	1,200	1,230	1,200	0
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	17,350	0	0	12,350	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$355,504	\$364,538	\$364,538	\$397,327	\$366,229	\$1,691
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	9	9	9	9	9	0
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	9	9	9	9	9	0

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded from the State General Fund.

MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$364,538	\$364,538	9	ACT 13 FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$364,538	\$364,538	9	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 2, 2002
\$2,585	\$2,585	0	Annualization of FY 2002-2003 Classified State Employees Merit Increase
(\$3,233)	(\$3,233)	0	Salary Base Adjustment
\$5,433	\$5,433	0	Group Insurance Adjustment
\$2,760	\$2,760	0	Workload Adjustment - Adjustment to operating services due to increased number of claims
(\$5,854)	(\$5,854)	0	Other Adjustments - Cuts to fund the retirement and group insurance adjustments
\$366,229	\$366,229	9	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS
\$366,229	\$366,229	9	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$366,229	\$366,229	9	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This program does not have funding recommended for Professional Services for Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

OTHER CHARGES

\$0 None

\$0 SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES**Interagency Transfers:**

\$1,200 Office of Telecommunication Management Fees

\$1,200 SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS**\$1,200 TOTAL OTHER CHARGES**

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

This program does not have funding recommended for Acquisitions and Major Repairs for Fiscal Year 2003-2004.